

Case against Mr. M. Nataraja Pillai of Tengamputtoor.

278. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Tocala cum Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mr. M. Nataraja Pillai of Tengamputtoor in Agastisvaram taluk, has been arrested and detained in prison at Paravoor lock-up on entering Travancore from British India (after his release from the Central Jail, Vellore):

(b) whether he has committed any offence under the law of the State;

(c) if so, what that offence is;

(d) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, why he is not tried in a court of law; and

(e) whether that one Mr. M. Nataraja Pillai has been sent to Travancore, his native place, by the Government of Madras towards the close of May 1941 or June 1941?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAM BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY (*Inspector-General of Police*): (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (b).

(d) He is detained under the Defence of Travancore Rules.

(e) Yes.

Pechipara Reservoir.

279. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the extent and area of all islands within the water-spread area of the Reservoir;

(b) whether removal of these is likely to increase the storage capacity of the Reservoir;

(c) whether it is possible to increase the height of the "Escapes" by two feet or less or more and thereby increase the storage capacity of the Reservoir;

(d) whether on any former occasion the height of these "Escapes" was temporarily raised to about 6 feet by putting up earthen bunds;

(e) whether there is at present leakage of water from the main Dam and the various Gaps; and

(f) the quantity of leakage in Gap No. 2 when there is about 38.5 feet of water in the Reservoir?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (a) About 320 acres.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) Yes. About 0.5 cusec from the main dam when the reservoir is at full level and no leakage in the gaps.

(f) Nil.